

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

MICHAEL STEPHEN  
MCKINNON ET. AL.

CASE      DC7000 US CONT  
NO.:

SERIAL NO.: UNKNOWN

GROUP ART  
UNIT: UNKNOWN

FILED: UNKNOWN

EXAMINER: KATARZYNA  
WYROZEBSKI LEE

FOR: SOLVENT-BASED RECOVERY AND RECYCLE OF POLYAMIDE MATERIAL

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 24, 2003 in USSN 09/876,244, kindly consider the following preliminary remarks in this related application filed concurrently herewith . A copy of a petition for a one month extension of time has also been filed concurrently herewith in the parent application No. 09/876,244.